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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-1023)
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 2116, L.D. 2265, Bill, "AN ACT to Adjust the Disqualification Period for Voluntarily Leaving Employment and to Adjust Maximum Unemployment Benefits Paid to Individuals Discharged for Misconduct."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of the emergency preamble and emergency clause.

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of the last 8 lines (7 lines in L.D.) of section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'For the week in which he left his regular employment voluntarily without good cause attributable to such employment, or to a claimant who has voluntarily removed himself from the labor market where presently employed to an area where employment opportunity is less frequent, if so found by the commission, and disqualification shall continue ~~for 12 weeks immediately following such week or~~ until claimant has earned 8 times his weekly benefit amount, ~~whichever occurs first~~; provided no disqualification shall be imposed if such individual establishes that he left employment in good faith and accepted new employment on a permanent full-time basis and he became separated from the new employment for good cause attributable to employment with the new employing unit.'

Further amend said Bill in section 2 by striking out in the 6th line (5th and 6th lines in L.D.) the following words "for 12 weeks immediately following such week or" and inserting in place thereof the following stricken out words: '~~for 12 weeks immediately following such week or~~'

Further amend said Bill in section 2 by striking out in the last 3 lines (same in L.D.) the following underlined words: ^{and punctuation} "and, in addition, his maximum amount of benefits shall be reduced by an amount equivalent to the number of such weeks of disqualification times his weekly benefit amount;"

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to revise the disqualification period for "voluntary quits" and affects only those persons who voluntarily quit work without cause attributable to employment. Thus, if a person leaves work for reasons which are caused by employment, the disqualification does not apply. The amendment deletes the mandatory 12-week disqualification period for "voluntary quits" and provides only for new earnings by such persons. This amendment also adds a section to protect persons who voluntarily leave work to accept new employment.

This amendment in section 2 removes the optional 12-week disqualification period and the clause which reduces the total amount of benefits to which a person is entitled.

_____ This amendment also removes the emergency.

Reported by the Minority of the Committee on Labor.

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